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The Patent Term Adjustment to date is 1250 day(s). If the issue fee is paid on the date that is three months after the mailing date of this notice and the patent issues on the Tuesday before the date that is 28 weeks (six and a half months) after the mailing date of this notice, the Patent Term Adjustment will be 1250 day(s).

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Application No.

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Applicant(s)

JANSEN ET AL.

Examiner

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LAWRENCE N. LARYEA

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-- The MAILING DATE of this communication appears on the cover sheet with the correspondence address--

All claims being allowable, PROSECUTION ON THE MERITS IS (OR REMAINS) CLOSED in this application. If not included herewith (or previously mailed), a Notice of Allowance (PTOL-85) or other appropriate communication will be mailed in due course. **THIS NOTICE OF ALLOWABILITY IS NOT A GRANT OF PATENT RIGHTS.** This application is subject to withdrawal from issue at the initiative of the Office or upon petition by the applicant. See 37 CFR 1.313 and MPEP 1308.

1. ☒ This communication is responsive to the amendment filed 07/22/2010.
2. ☒ The allowed claim(s) is/are 1-5,7 and 9-20.
3. ☒ Acknowledgment is made of a claim for foreign priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119(a)-(d) or (f).
- a) ☒ All b) ☐ Some* c) ☐ None of the:
- ☐ Certified copies of the priority documents have been received.
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DETAILED ACTION

1. Summery Of Enhanced First Action Interview Pilot Program.

During the interview held on 11/02/2010 , applicant gave a brief description of the invention and compared it with cited prior art references. Applicant argued that the cited prior arts do not teach that a plane associated with a given posture of the patient is obtained, and the frame of reference of the pelvis or the pelvic orientation are corrected as a function of the plan during a Hip Plant Surgery . Further, applicant explained that frame of frame is a table that the patient lies on it during the surgical procedures.

Examiner indicated that such an amendment appeared to overcome the rejections of records, and that an updated search and reconsideration would be given upon filing of a next formal response.

EXAMINER'S AMENDMENT

2. An examiner's amendment to the record appears below. Should the changes and/or additions be unacceptable to applicant, an amendment may be filed as provided by 37 CFR 1.312. To ensure consideration of such an amendment, it **MUST** be submitted no later than the payment of the issue fee.

Authorization for this examiner's amendment was given in a telephone interview with Pierre T.A. Nguyen on 11/02/2010.

The Application has been amended as follow:

In the specification, on page1, line 4, after the phrase “This application”, the phrase --is a National Stage application of International patent application No. PCT/CA03/01542, filed on October 6, 2003, which-- was inserted.

In the specification, on p1, line 8, the phrase “reference. This application also claims priority of” has been changed to --reference, and--.

The claim 1 has been amended as follows:

At claim 1,line 4, “adapted” was replaced with --configured--.

At claim 1,lines 19, “with” was replaced with --based on--.

The Claim 15 has been amended as follows:

15. A method for associating a frame of reference of a pelvis to a given posture of a patient in computer-assisted surgery, comprising:

creating a frame of reference of a pelvis with respect to a trackable reference;
positioning the patient in a given posture with respect to a plane of reference; [and]

digitizing the plane of reference with respect to the trackable reference such that orientation information associating the frame of reference to the given posture is calculable as a function of the orientation of the plane of reference; and

obtaining a display of information comprising the frame of reference corrected based on said orientation information.

3. The following is an examiner’s statement of reasons for allowance:

H. E. Sanders (US Patent 2,703,080. Mar. 1,1995) teach a Table with a Posture Correction Apparatus to make it possible to apply corrections while a subject. Is in a quiescent state.

Schellenberg (US Patent 7,302,288. Nov. 27,2007) teach a medical positioning system which comprises a tool position tracker for tracking a position and orientation of the hand-held tool and the direction indicator with respect to a reference frame ; the direction indicator being configured to produce a visual indication of a direction in which a hand-held portion of the tool should be moved to reach a desired position based at least in part on the position and orientation of the tool as determined by the tool position tracker, the indicated direction being relative to a reference frame of the hand-held surgical tool which surgical tool frame of reference frame of reference changes relative to a frame of reference of the patient as the surgical tool moves relative to the patient; and a display remote from the tool and the direction indicator which displays a diagnostic anatomical image of the patient with a representation of the tool in its current position and orientation superimposed thereon.

Kienzle,III (US Pub. 2002/0077540 Jun.20, 2002) teach a computer assisted surgery system with enhanced graphic capabilities for insertion of guide pins into a body part, the system comprising: an x-ray imaging device for generating at least one 2-D image of a body part; means for displaying the at least one 2-D image of the body part; a surgical instrument with a physical feature defining a real trajectory; a localizing device for measuring the pose of the surgical instrument; means for

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generating a graphic representation of the real trajectory; means for determining the location of one or more virtual trajectories relative to the real trajectory; and means for superimposing graphic representations of the real and virtual trajectories over the at least one 2-D image of the body part; wherein the virtual trajectories may be used for assisting the surgeon in aligning the drill guide relative to the body part or guide pins and said virtual trajectories need not represent a real feature of the surgical instrument.

Carson (US Pub. Dec. 26, 2002/0198451. Dec.26,2002) teach a process for performing high tibial osteotomy surgical operations on portions of a tibia, comprising: (a) obtaining at least one image of a body part forming a portion of a knee joint with an imager, wherein the body part and the imager are each attached to a fiducial capable of being tracked by at least one position sensor; (b) registering a surgical instrument adapted to assist the surgeon in shaping bone during high tibial osteotomy, which instrument is attached to a fiducial capable of being tracked by at least one position sensor; (c) using a computer which receives signals from the at least one sensor, tracking position and orientation of the surgical instrument relative to the body part; (d) generating and displaying on a monitor associated with the computer a visual image of the instrument properly positioned and oriented relative to the body part; (e) navigating the surgical instrument relative to the body part and attaching the surgical instrument to the body part according to the image; and (f) modifying the body part using the surgical instrument attached to the body part; and (g) assessing performance of the knee joint using images displayed on said monitor.

Cosman (US Patent 6,405,072 Jun.11,2002) teach medical process for determining a location of an anatomical target with reference to a medical apparatus, comprising the steps of: scanning a patient's anatomy, including an anatomical target to obtain image scan data thereof referenced in image scanner coordinates; indexing a position of the patient's anatomy and a position of a medical apparatus with a camera system to obtain camera data thereof referenced in camera coordinates; correlating the image scan data and the camera data by identifying at least one marker having a known location with respect to the image scan data and the camera data; and transforming the image scanner coordinates to the camera data coordinates such that the position of the anatomical target is determined with respect to a reference point of the medical apparatus.

Sarin et al (US Pub. 20030153829. Aug. 14, 2003.) teach a computer assisted, non-radiological method of intra-operatively measuring and assessing relative geometric relationships among skeletal features of a hip joint, suitable for surgical navigation of a hip arthroplasty operation, comprising the steps of: defining a pelvic plane from at least three recognizable anatomic features of the pelvis; tracking with a locating system the orientation of an acetabular implant, to obtain acetabular implant orientation data; and adjusting said acetabular implant into a desired orientation with respect to said defined pelvic plane, without reference to previously obtained radiological data, by relating said acetabular implant orientation data to said defined pelvic plane.

Tuma et al (US Pub.20040117026 . Jun. 17,2004) teach a method for determining an aperture angle of a joint, said method comprising: detecting at least one of positions of components forming the joint and positions of structures connected to or to be connected to the joint; and ascertaining the aperture angle of the joint from the detected positions.

No prior art of records teaches or suggests a system which includes a computer-assisted surgery system for guiding an operator in altering a pelvis for a subsequent insertion of a pelvic implant, which comprises a source of posture data being a tool digitizing a plane related to a given posture of the patient; a posture data correction calculator operative to provide a display of information comprising the frame of reference corrected based on said posture data from the source of posture data when altering the pelvis; and displaying said display of information and the orientation of the bone altering tool with respect to the pelvic frame of reference in combination with the other claimed elements and method steps.

Any comments considered necessary by applicant must be submitted no later than the payment of the issue fee and, to avoid processing delays, should preferably accompany the issue fee. Such submissions should be clearly labeled "Comments on Statement of Reasons for Allowance."

Conclusion

Any inquiry concerning this communication or earlier communications from the examiner should be directed to LAWRENCE N. LARYEA whose telephone number is (571)272-9060. The examiner can normally be reached on 9:30 a.m.-5:30 p.m. EST.

If attempts to reach the examiner by telephone are unsuccessful, the examiner's supervisor, Long Le can be reached on 571-272-0823. The fax phone number for the organization where this application or proceeding is assigned is 571-273-8300.

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